

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, before line 8, please add the following new header:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

On page 3, before line 4, please add the following new header:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

On page 7, before line 33, please add the following new header:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

On page 8, before line 10, please add the following new header:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--

On page 3, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 4 as follows:

--For this purpose, the invention provides a perforated skin for an acoustic element, said skin consisting of at least one web of substantially rectilinear fibers associated with a resin, the perforations in which define a regular repeat pattern, characterized in that the perforations affect at least 25%, and preferably 30-40%, of the skin and in that, at least over a major

portion of the skin thus perforated, fibers of said web or webs
are ~~interrupted~~ uninterrupted by the perforations.--